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To: All Commission Members

From: Rodger A. Salman – Secretary

Re: May 13, 2008 meeting

Members Present: Frank Contento, Alan Fontana, Claudia Giulietti, Katherine Lofquist, Dr. James P. Morgan, Anthony Pacileo, Rodger Salman and Joseph Villano.

Members Absent: John Putney

Staff Present: Judy Cormier

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. The minutes of our last meeting (January 15, 2008) were then read and approved. The motion to approve was made by Rodger Salman and seconded by Anthony Pacileo.

Director's Report:

Staff:

Judy Cormier announced that Eileen Mogensen came on board in March and she has been well received by staff and members alike. Eileen is retired from the Department of Social Security and since her retirement she realized that she was not ready to stay at home and decided to go back to work. To the center's good fortune she accepted the position as part time bus driver and replaced John Heeran who retired from the center in February. Eileen is a part time employee who will work nineteen hours a week.

Fundraisers:

The Spring Craft/Tag Sale will happen on May 17, 2008 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Members of the center are very excited to host this upcoming event. Along with selling crafts that members made, the members wanted to have a tag sale. Since the center does not have storage, it was better to sell tables to members and those that want to sell their own treasures be responsible for the tag sale items. This prevents staff from having to be responsible for any left over treasures. In turn the seniors realize a profit from sold tables and the treasures are taken away at the end of the day. Morning coffee and treats along with lunch will also be available. Whereas someone may not purchase anything from the tables, lunch is always a huge success with the seniors and community alike. All funds support the senior center and their commitment to the community. As in the past, the senior members donated \$100.00 to The North Haven High School PTSA and \$100.00 to Community Services for Project Graduation. Judy was happy to report that the seniors received a thank you note from both these groups for the generous donations.

#### Computer Lab:

The computer lab opened and classes are filled to the end of July. Staff made the contact for a teacher and Ron Iannucci, Jr., who owns RVI Computers of North Haven, has offered his services free. This is an outstanding savings for the senior center, Town of North Haven and the members alike. There are two classes available; beginner class on Tuesday and intermediate class on Thursday, both from 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. This program has been well received by the seniors.

#### Grant Update: Small Cities Block Grant.

The public hearing was well attended by the community and all comments were positive. Although those in attendance were concerned by the number (20) of attendees the consultant that is assisting with the Grant was pleased and so was Judy. Typically the numbers are very low when there is a public hearing for grants. This was proven to Judy by the April meeting that she attended which was East Haven's Public Hearing in their preparation of the same grant. She was the only one in attendance. Public support from the residents of North Haven has been outstanding: letters, petitions, and telephone calls supporting this opportunity for the center to expand and renovate have been very exciting. The grant was mailed on Monday, May 12, 2008 with all of the necessary requirements and now we must wait to see if approval is forthcoming. This grant effort was a team event and Judy Cormier is thankful for the support of the community and The Town of North Haven in realizing the need for our seniors and the building they consider a second home.

#### Intergenerational Programs:

Pasta dinner with The North Haven High School Interact Club, North Haven Rotary, and the senior center was very successful. The students and seniors truly look forward to evening events. The students requested to hold an after prom fashion show and cookout for June. This was requested by the students and teachers to hold this event in the evening due to final exams. Funds raised from this event as with other events support programs and supplies for the center.

Old Business: A special thanks was issued to Frank Contento and Claudia Giulietti for attending the grant hearing and speaking favorably in support of this proposed grant. The same thanks was extended to Rodger Salman for recognizing, at the May Selectmen's meeting, the efforts of all involved in the grant effort. Judy Cormier was recognized by the commission for the wonderful effort that she made in order to see that the grant was properly applied for and that all deadlines were met.

New Business: We will advise senior center needs at the Sept. commission meeting if grant expectations are not achieved.

Housing: We were advised that all housing waiting lists have been filled and that we will be advised in the future as to when these lists will reopen.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.